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SUMMARY: DURING FORMAL 1 JULY MEETING IN VIENTIANE BETWEEN GOJ AND DRV REPRESENTATIVES, GOJ RAISED OFFER OF GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM FIVE TO TEN BILLION YEN. WHILE MAINTAINING ORIGINAL DEMAND FOR FIFTEEN BILLION YEN, DRV DID NOT RE-ITERATE USUAL PITCH FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG, AND OMISSION THAT MAY REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN DRV POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR FIRST SEA ASIA DIV HANABUSA, WHO
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OF ORMAL JULY 1 MEETING IN VIENTIANE BETWEEN JAPANESE
AND DRV EMBASSIES. MEETING, WHICH INCLUDED DRV AMB HIEN,
COUNSELOR NGUYEN GIAP, NEGOTIATOR VU TIEN, JAPANESE
AMBASSADOR SUGAMUNA, AND HANABUSA, HELD AT GOJ SUGGESTION
AND ONLY RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO BY DRV.

2. AT MEETING GOJ RAISED OFFER OF GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM
FIVE TO TEN BILLION YEN (ABOUT $37 MILLION).
HANABUSA WARNED DRV REPRESENTATIVES THAT FAILURE TO
ACCEPT JAPANESE OFFER BY SEPTEMBER WOULD MAKE IT
IMPOSSIBLE TO ADD PROPOSED ADDITIONAL 5 BILLION
YEN TO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. HE ADDED THAT FURTHER
PROCRASTINATION BEYOND MARCH 31, 1975 EXPIRATION
DATE OF FISCAL YEAR WOULD MEAN THAT ORIGINAL FIVE BILLION
WOULD REVERT TO FINANCE MINISTRY AND THAT BUDGETARY
PROCESS WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN AGAIN, RESULTING IN POSSIBLE TWO
YEARS DELAY (HANABUSA REMARKED THAT HIS ARGUMENTS WERE
INTENTIONALLY MISLEADING, THOUGH TECHNICALLY CORRECT.
MONEY COULD ALWAYS BE FOUND, EVEN IF REQUIREMENTS OF BUDGETARY
CYCLE WERE NOT MET.) FINALLY, HE WARED THAT SHOULD IT
BECOME OBVIOUS IN JAPAN THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY
IN HANOI WAS HOSTAGE TO DEMANDS FOR MORE AID FUNDS,
REACTION TOWARD NVN WOULD BE QUITE NEGATIVE.

3. IN REPLY, AMBASSADOR HIEN REITERATED STANDARD
DEMAND FOR 15 BILLION YEN. READING FROM BRIEFING
PAPER, HE MAINTAINED THAT HANOI WANTED PARIS PEACE
ACCORDS IMPLEMENTED AND OPPOSED DIVISION OF SVN.
THERE WAS NO DEMAND DURING FORMAL SESSION FOR GOJ
RECOGNITION OF PRG. AFTERWARDS, DURING INFORMAL CON-
VERSATION, VU TIEN ASKED HANABUSA WHY GOJ DID NOT
RECOGNIZE PRG, TO WHICH HANABUSA GAVE STANDARD REPLY.

4. HANABUSA NOTED WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FACT THAT FOR
FIRST TIME NO FORMAL DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG
MADE AT MEETING. EVEN THOUGH HIEN WAS PARTICIPATING FOR
FIRST TIME, HANABUSA FELT HIS FORMAL APPROACH REPRESENTED
CORRECT RENDITION OF HANOI'S VIEWS. POSSIBLE SHIFT
MIGHT HAVE BROADER IMPLICATIONS FOR DRV POLICY TOWARD SVN
AND PRG, HE CONCLUDED.
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5. COMMENT: WE AGREE THAT DRV PRESENTATION AT VIENTIANE
SEEMS TO REPRESENT SOFTENING OF DRV POSITION VIS-A-VIS GOJ.
WHETHER SHIFT HAS BROADER IMPLICATIONS FOR HANOI'S ATTITUDE
TOWARD PRG REMAINS TO BE SEEN. IT MAY MERELY BE EFFORT
TO SPEED NEGOTIATIONS AND HASTEN RECEIPT OF NEEDED AID.
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